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(b) whether the report and Government Order thereon will be published and whether copies of the same will be supplied to the Members of the Council?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The suggestion will be considered.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know when the Government will be in a position to pass orders on this report ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I think the orders will perhaps be issued before the end of March."

Teaching of spinning in local board schools in East Godavari.

* 1392 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) in how many schools, (i) secondary, (ii) higher elementary and (iii) lower elementary, under the management of local bodies in East Godavari, spinning is taught ;

(b) what the capital expenditure is ;

(c) what the return if any is ; and

(d) what the quantity of yarn is ?

A.—(a), (b), (c) & (d). The Government have no information but have called for it.

Local Boards

Representation of ladies in Municipal Councils and District Boards.

* 1393 Q.—Mr. P. C. VENKATAPATI RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there are any district boards and municipal councils without lady members ?

A.—Yes. There are some district boards and municipal councils which have no lady members.

Village Panchayats

Proposal to introduce a measure giving powers of the village courts to the village panchayats.

* 1394 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government propose to introduce a measure giving powers of the village courts to the village panchayats ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1132.

Medical

Appointment of honorary physicians and surgeons in district and taluk headquarter hospitals.

* 1395 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have at any time considered the advisability of appointing honorary physicians and surgeons attached to

the district and taluk headquarter hospitals in the Presidency, instead of salaried officers as at present, and establishing first-rate, up-to-date and well-equipped district and taluk headquarter hospitals ;

(*b*) whether such a scheme has ever been brought to the notice of the Government ; and

(*c*) if so, what was the decision of the Government thereon ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The question of appointing honorary surgeons and physicians was considered by the Government in 1923 and it was then decided to introduce the system as an experimental measure in the several Government hospitals in Madras City. The Government have now decided to extend the system to the District Headquarter Hospitals and details of this are being worked out.

Alleged representation to abandon the opening of the Medical school proposed to be started at Guntur.

*1396 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representation from the people of Guntur not to abandon the opening of the medical school proposed to be started at Guntur ;

(*b*) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the deputation of the Andhras that waited on the Surgeon-General when he visited Guntur, on the subject ;

(*c*) whether the Government intend to start the medical school at Guntur ; and

(*d*) whether there is a proposal on the part of the Government to close the medical school existing at Coimbatore which is doing useful work ?

A.—(*a*) A representation has been received from the Guntur Municipal Council.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have not come to a final decision on the subject.

(*d*) No such proposal is at present under consideration.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether there are any medical schools in the Telugu area ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" There was one at Vizagapatam ; there is none at present."

Fisheries

Bulletins issued by the Fisheries Department.

*1397 *Q.*—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of bulletins issued by the Fisheries Department since it was organized ; and

(*b*) the number of bulletins issued by the present Director of Fisheries excluding the Administration Reports ?